

What is claimed:

1. A bariatric gurney arrangement comprising
 - (a) an ambulance having a floor;
 - (b) a gurney including a carriage with wheels;
 - 5 (c) removable rails with sides connected to said ambulance and leading to said floor for supporting said gurney and guiding said wheels up to said floor;
 - (d) a winch mounted on said ambulance and connectable to said gurney for pulling said gurney up said rails to said floor;
 - 10 (e) rings mounted on said floor and on said gurney;
 - (f) and straps connecting the rings on said floor and said gurney;
 - (g) said winch being arranged to pull said gurney to tighten the straps connecting the rings on said floor and the rings on said gurney for securing the gurney in place on said floor.
- 15 2. The bariatric gurney arrangement of claim 1 additionally comprising a roller rotatably mounted on the ambulance, said winch including a line that is attached to said gurney and extends over said roller, said roller protecting the floor of said ambulance.
3. The bariatric gurney arrangement of claim 1 additionally comprising a flat
 - 20 sheet mounted on said gurney for supporting a patient and an extender mounted on the gurney adjacent said flat sheet, said extender being fixable in a horizontal position to increase the support area of the flat sheet, and

said extender being fixable in a vertical position to make more narrow the width of the gurney.

4. The bariatric gurney of claim 1 additionally comprising a flat sheet mounted on said gurney for supporting a patient, said flat sheet having opposite sides, a pair of extenders mounted on the gurney on the opposite side of said flat sheet for supporting the patient, said extenders being fixable in a horizontal position to increase the support area of the flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a vertical position to make more narrow the width of the gurney.

5. A bariatric gurney comprising
- (a) a carriage arrangement;
 - (b) wheels on said carriage arrangement;
 - (c) a flat sheet mounted on said carriage arrangement for supporting a patient, said flat sheet having opposite sides;
 - (d) a pair of extenders mounted on the carriage arrangement on the opposite sides of said flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a horizontal position to increase the support area of the flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a vertical position to make more narrow the width of the gurney.

6. The gurney of claim 5 wherein said carriage arrangement comprises first tubing extending around said flat sheet, said extenders including second tubing having a C-shape, said C-shape having ends that are pivotally mounted on said first tubing.

7. The gurney of claim 6 additionally comprising third tubing having a C-shape, said third tubing C-shape having ends that are pivotally mounted on said second tubing.
8. The gurney of claim 7 additionally comprising locks for locking said second tubing in a vertically extending position and in a horizontally extending position and for locking said third tubing in a vertically extending position and in a horizontally extending position.
9. A process for moving a bariatric patient comprising
 - (a) providing an ambulance having a floor and a winch;
 - 10 (b) providing a gurney including a carriage with wheels;
 - (c) attaching rails to the ambulance with the rails leading to the floor of the ambulance;
 - (d) placing the patient on the carriage;
 - (e) attaching the winch to the gurney and pulling the gurney up the rails and on to the floor of the ambulance by operation of the winch;
 - 15 (f) securing the gurney in place by attaching straps to the ambulance and then operating the winch to move the gurney to tighten the straps.
- 20 10. The process for moving a bariatric patient of claim 9 additionally comprising providing an individual inside of the ambulance, causing the individual inside the ambulance to operate the winch and to watch the gurney to make sure it is coming up the rails in a straightforward fashion,

providing at least one individual at the lower end of the rails to make sure that the wheels line up with the rails.

11. The process for moving a bariatric patient of claim 9 additionally comprising providing a roller rotatably mounted on the ambulance, said winch including a line that is attached to said gurney and extends over said roller, said roller protecting the floor of the ambulance.

12. The process for moving a bariatric patient of claim 9 additionally comprising a flat sheet mounted on said gurney for supporting the patient, said flat sheet having opposite sides, and a pair of extenders mounted on said gurney on the opposite sides of said flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a horizontal position to increase the support area of the flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a vertical position to make more narrow the width of the gurney.

13. A bariatric gurney comprising

- (a) a lower carriage;
- (b) wheels mounted on said lower carriage;
- (c) an upper carriage mounted on said lower carriage for vertical movement while maintaining a horizontal orientation;
- (d) a hydraulic cylinder connected between said upper and lower carriage for raising and lowering said upper carriage relative to said lower carriage.

14. The bariatric gurney of claim 13 additionally comprising a flat sheet mounted on said upper carriage for supporting a patient, said flat sheet

having opposite sides, and a pair of extenders mounted on said upper carriage on the opposite sides of said flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a horizontal position to increase the support area of the flat sheet, said extenders being fixable in a vertical position to make more narrow the width of the gurney.

15. The gurney of claim 14 wherein said upper carriage comprises first tubing extending around said flat sheet, said extenders including second tubing having a C-shape, said second tubing C-shape having ends that are pivotally mounted on said first tubing.

16. The gurney of claim 15 additionally comprising third tubing having a C-shape, said third tubing C-shape having ends that are pivotally mounted on said second tubing.

17. The gurney of claim 16 additionally comprising locks for locking said second tubing in a vertically extending position and in a horizontally extending position and for locking said third tubing in a vertically extending position and in a horizontally extending position.

18. The bariatric gurney arrangement of claim 1 additionally comprising a safety bar mounted on said gurney for preventing the patient from sliding off of said gurney, said safety bar being fixedly but removably mounted on said gurney.

19. The bariatric gurney of claim 5 additionally comprising a safety bar mounted on said carriage arrangement for preventing the patient from

sliding off of said flat sheet, said safety bar being fixedly but removably mounted on said carriage.

20. The process of claim 9 additionally comprising a safety bar mounted on said carriage arrangement for preventing the patient from sliding off of the carriage, said safety bar being fixedly but removably mounted on said carriage.

21. The bariatric gurney of claim 13 additionally comprising a safety bar mounted on said upper carriage for preventing the patient from sliding off of said upper carriage, said safety bar being fixedly but removably mounted on said upper carriage.